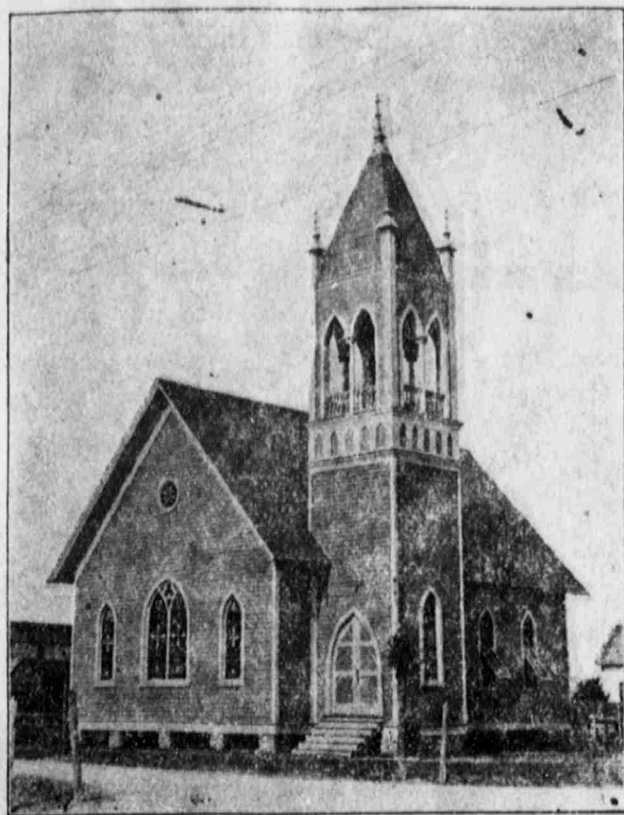


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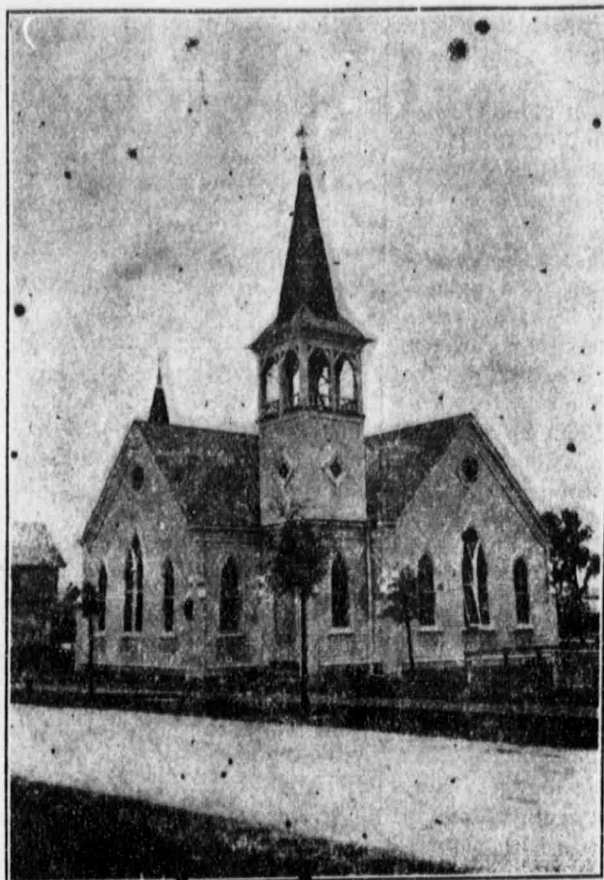
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Presbyterian Church, Arcadia, Florida



First M. E. Church South, Arcadia, Florida

TEMPERANCE TALK

BOYDSTUN TELLS PER- TINENT TRUTHS

Alcoholic Beverages should be destroyed in self defence. Last year was notable for such actions in corporate towns and cities with populations ranging from 500 to 140,000, in the last months have banished the use of intoxicants. That should be in all the cities and it would be the country of this poison. A city is a unit of higher organization than the individuals composing it. It should maintain its efficiency by a variety of ministerial help and never detract from other interests. Alco-

entire body, so it is with our cities. If all were drinkers (should be if the traffic is right) we would have a city of drunkards. A city of gamblers would make one of sharks. A lascivious city would make one of lust. There would be no virtue. But this alcoholic poison, gambling and prostitution are a trinity and an enemy to the moral law. At least it is true they never try to destroy each other. It is also true that in wet and dry contests they all give their support to the wets. Every business, (even the traffic) has put its disapprobation on drinking by not desiring to employ a habitual moderate drinker. We learn that it often produces blindness, that is always the tendency. Coast surveyors, when drinking even moderately, are never accurate because the optic

produced, forms were indistinct only when very near. The prolonged stare of the drinker indicates an effort to concentrate the sight. Persons engaged in work that requires precision avoid drinking during business hours. In distance and precision even moderate drinking makes him one-third or one-half less man in seeing.

The sense of hearing was diminished one-third or one-half, to-wit, Some sounds could not be distinguished, tones were confused, music could not be enjoyed, the drinker often going to sleep for want of appreciation. He talks on a higher key because his hearing is interfered with. The sense of touch of rough and smooth, heat and cold are diminished one-half. Drinking men freeze readily. The taste and smell standing as guards to the stomach, are seriously deranged by one full dram. In an hour muscular capacity has lost one-third or one-half of its efficiency. The bad effect on memory had double while rapidity of thought had lost four fold and from being a safe calculator he became very untrustworthy. Every one should be an athlete in his special line of life. Drinking can never mean success for it lessens capacity in every business of life. The drinking man is an egotist, thinks he is infallibly correct, is impatient of any contradiction, is apt to use violence under opposition, otherwise there would be no assault. Kind hearted people are cautious about contending against one in liquor. By a careful investigation of 55,000 pupils in New York schools more than one-half of the children of drinking parents could not learn. There is no point where the liquor beverage is not an enemy to man. It aggravates every bodily disease, paralyzes all its functions, destroys his business, makes him an enemy to his home and his country. No other poison equals it. Four-fifths (nearly) of Florida have declared it unlawful to sell this poison as a beverage. The liquor interests are trying by "blind tigers" to destroy this "dry" vote and perpetuate this beverage poison.

They are running a man for governor on the brewer's platform. The cry of injustice to the poison are more "blind tigers" in Chicago and New York City than in all the dry territory in the United States. Let the poison vender's game become well known and their candidate will never be governor of Florida, and it will be known. Elect for governor a man who will beat the alcoholic poison in Florida. [Authorities are omitted for brevity but would be produced in debate.] J. G. BOYDSTUN.

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First M. E. Church, South.

Sunday-school, 9:45 a. m.
Communion Service 11 a. m.
Subject, "Influence of the Godly."
The pastor especially desires that the entire membership be present. He will seek to make the subject helpful to all.
League, 3:30 p. m.
Preaching, 7:15 p. m. Subject, "The Divine Christ." Text, John 1:1. The sermon will be a sequel to the one preached on the Humanity of Christ.
The Wednesday night prayer meetings are being made a specialty and are the best of all our services.
We cordially welcome all visitors and strangers to all church privileges.
CHARLES W. WHITE, P. C.

Pine Level Items.

We have had several frosts but not enough to kill tomatoes.

Quarterly meeting Saturday and Sunday and an extra good congregation, quite a crowd from Lily and other points were here.

Some sickness in our city but nothing serious. T. S. Carlton has suffered a great deal with a carbuncle on his neck but he is now able to work.

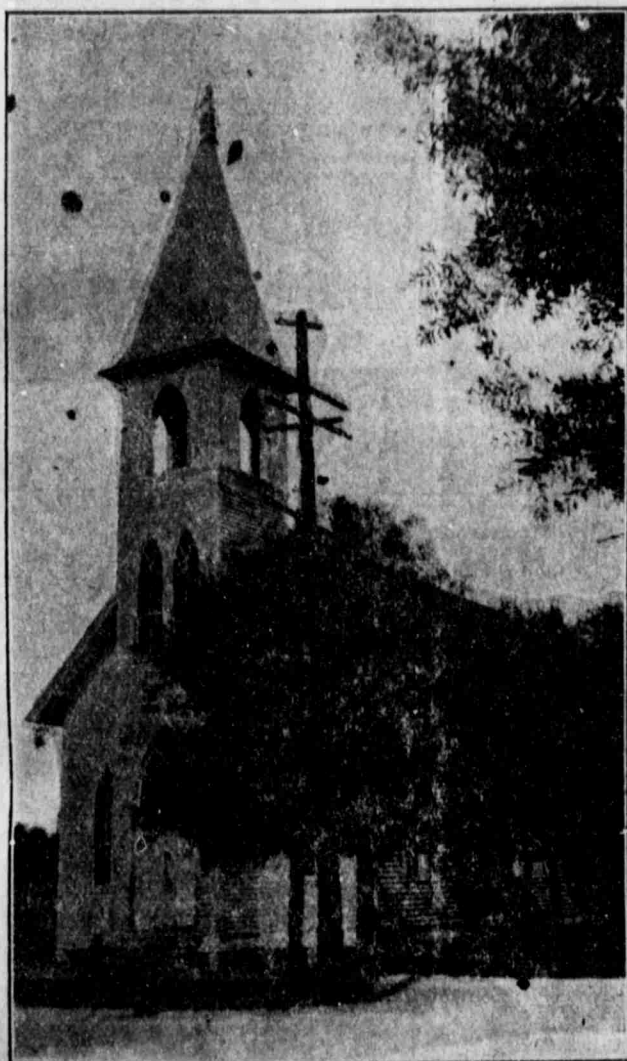
Mr. Walker begins moving his fruit the last of this week from Mr. Howell's grove. There are several thousand boxes in our town yet unsold.

The Mormon preachers are now gone after preaching several sermons but not many went out to hear them.

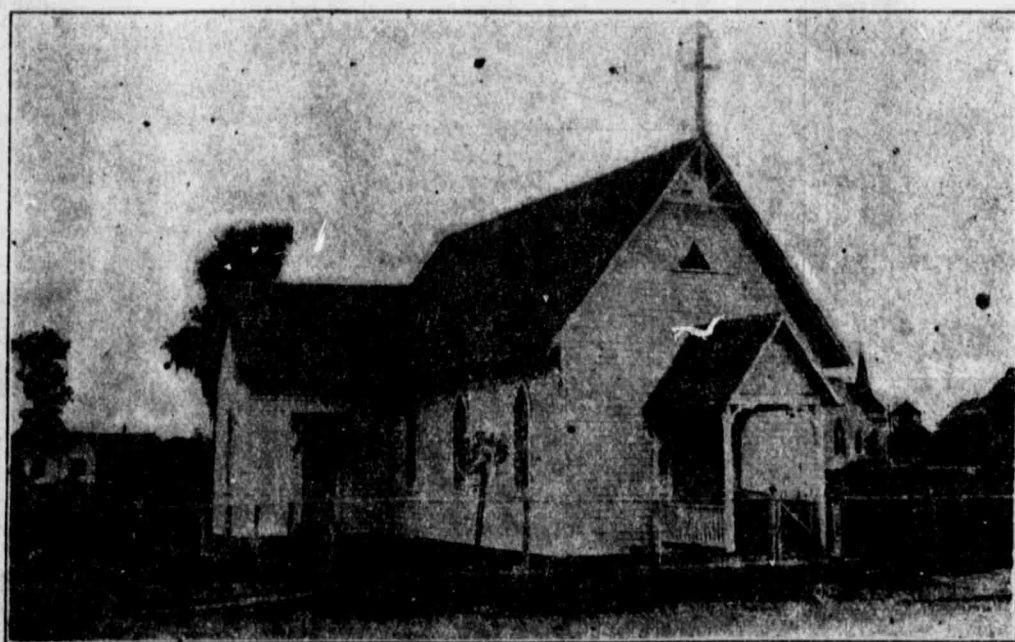
If people don't read their Bibles for themselves and live up to it with all the light they have they are lost as sure as death comes.

St. Edmunds Church.

Services next Sunday
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9:45 a. m. Sunday School
11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer
Sermon
7:15 p. m. Evening Prayer
Sermon
All are cordially invited.
REV. RUDOLPH STAHLER,
Priest in charge.



First Baptist Church, Arcadia, Florida



St. Edmonds Episcopal Church, Arcadia

This is a picture of the present building. The brick is now on the ground for the new building which is to be one of the finest churches in Florida.

Alcoholic beverages are detrimental to nerve is deranged. Thousands of other interest, work or experiments with finest instruments showed that letters which could be read thirty feet, after one dram had to be brought ten or twelve feet nearer to be read. Also colors were confused and lost, that color blindness had been

traffic, by state prohibition because we are making wet counties dry against their will is self contradictory. These wet counties have been running their "blind tigers" in the dry counties and will continue it. Their "tiger" is the bastard child of the saloon. There

Chicken Supper.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will give a chicken supper on Tuesday night next. In Heard & Reynolds' building in the room formerly occupied by The Ladies' Emporium. Everybody cordially invited.

Notice of Meeting.

The Ladies' Friday Musicales will meet with Mrs. A. E. Bennett at the residence of Mrs. S. J. Simmons Friday, February 7, at 3:30 p. m.

MRS. C. Y. CRAWFORD,
Secretary.